



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 4741-1-23 Approval of euthanasia agents and euthanasia technician certification course curriculum.

Effective: January 8, 2024

(A) Pursuant to division (A) of section 4729.532 of the Revised Code, the board approves the use of tiletamine and zolazepan for injection and ketamine hydrochloride for anesthetizing an animal and xylazine for the purpose of sedating an animal as part of the euthanasia process by a euthanasia technician.

(B) No agent or employee of an animal shelter or county dog warden or agent or employee of a county dog warden shall perform euthanasia by means of lethal injection on an animal by use of any substance other than a substance in a manufactured dosage form that the state veterinary medical licensing board, in consultation with the state board of pharmacy, approves.

(C) Euthanasia technician certification course curricula shall include, but are not limited to, the requirements listed in division (C) of section 4729.532 of the Revised Code.

(1) The course will be a minimum of sixteen hours and shall include information on the following areas:

(a) The pharmacology, proper administration, and storage of anesthetizing and sedative agents and euthanasia solutions;

(b) Federal and state laws regulating the storage and accountability of anesthetizing and sedative agents and euthanasia solutions;

(c) Euthanasia technician stress management;

(d) Proper disposal of euthanized animals.

(2) The curriculum must be submitted in writing to the Ohio veterinary medical licensing board for consideration and approval. Requirements for courses submitted to the board for consideration and



approval shall include, but are not limited to:

- (a) A copy of the course curriculum;
- (b) Detailed learning objectives and the teaching methods used to achieve them;
- (c) Classroom and laboratory hours devoted to each area of instruction as designated in division (A) of section 4729.532 of the Revised Code;
- (d) The supervision of a veterinarian or a registered veterinary technician overseeing the in-person laboratory portion of the course presentation.

Candidates who have successfully completed the approved course shall be given a written certificate which includes: candidate's name; the name of the approved course; date of completion and the location where the course was given.